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beyond capacity. � n. (ō'vər-flō') 1. The act of overflowing. 2. Something that flows over; an excess. 3. An outlet or vent through which excess liquid may escape. 4. Computer Science A condition in which a calculation produces a unit of data too large to be stored in the location allotted to it.

o•ver•fly (ô'vər-fli!) tr.v.-flew (-floō!), -flown (-floō!), -fly•ing, -flies 1. To fly over (a particular area or territory) in an aircraft or spacecraft. 2. To fly beyond or past; overshoot: The plane overflew the runway and crashed.

o•ver•gar•ment (ō'vər-gär'mənt) n. An outer garment.

O•ver•glaze (ö'vər-glāz') n. 1. An outer coat of glaze on a piece of pottery. 2. A painted or printed decoration applied over a glaze. * tr.v. (ô'vər-glāz', ō'vər-glāz') -glazeing, -glazeing, -glazes To apply an overglaze to. * adj. Applied or designed for applying over a ceramic glaze.

O-ver-graze (ō'vər-grāz') tr.v. -grazed, -graz-ing, -graz-es To permit animals to graze (vegetational cover) excessively, to the detriment of the vegetation.

O•ver•grow (δ'vər-grō', δ'vər-grō') ν. -grew (-grōo'), -grown (-grōn'), -groweing, -grows —tr. 1. To grow over with herbage or foliage. 2. To grow beyond or too large for. —intr. 1. To grow beyond normal or usual size. 2. To become grown over, as with unwanted vegetation or weeds.

o•ver•growth (ō/vər-grōth') n. A usually abundant, luxuriant growth over or on something else: an overgrowth of ivy on the old house.
o•ver•hand (ō/vər-hānd') also o•ver•hand•ed (ō/vər-hān/dīd) adj. 1. Executed with the hand brought forward and down from above the level of the shoulder: an overhand pitch; an overhand stroke. 2. Sewn with close, vertical stitches drawing two edges together, with each stitch passing over the seam formed by the edges. *adv. In an overhand manner. *n. 1. An overhand throw, stroke, or delivery. 2. An overhand stitch or seam. *tr.v.-hand•ed, -hand•ing, -hands To sew with overhand stitches.

overhand knot n. A knot formed by making a loop in a piece of cord and pulling the end through it. Also called *single knot*.

o•ver-hang (ō'vər-hăng') v.-hung (-hūng'), -hang•ing, -hangs
—tr. 1. To project or extend beyond. 2. To loom over: The threat of
nuclear war overhangs modern society. 3. To ornament with hangings.
—intr. To project over something that lies beneath. See synonyms at
bulge. \$n. (o'vər-hāng') 1. A projecting part, such as an architectural
structure or a rock formation. 2. An amount of projection: an overhang
of six inches. 3. Nautical The part of a bow or stern that projects over the
water. 4. A supply of a commodity in excess of what can easily be disposed of: An unusually warm winter created an overhang in oil stocks.

over-haul (ō/vər-hôl/, ō/vər-hôl/) tr.v. -hauled, -haul•ing, -hauls 1a. To examine or go over carefully for needed repairs. b. To dismantle in order to make repairs. c. Nautical To slacken (a line) or to release and separate the blocks of (a tackle). 2. To make extensive renovations or revisions on; renovate: proposals to over-haul the health care system. 3. To catch up with; overtake. * n. (ō/vər-hôl/) 1. An act of over-hauling. 2. A repair job. —o'ver-haul'er n.

o•ver•head (ō/vor-hēd') adj. 1. Located, functioning, or originating from above. 2. Of or relating to the operating expenses of a business. \$\displaystyle{\pi}\$. 1. The operating expenses of a business, including the costs of rent, utilities, interior decoration, and taxes, exclusive of labor and materials. 2. Nautical The top surface in an enclosed space of a ship. 3. Something, such as a light fixture, that is located above head height. 4. Sports A stroke in a game, such as tennis or badminton, that is made with a hard downward motion from above the head. 5a. An overhead projector. b. The image projected by an overhead projector. \$\displaystyle{adv.}\$ (\overline{0}'vor-h\overline{d}') Over or above the level of the head; high or higher up: look overhead.

overhead projector *n*. A projector capable of projecting enlarged images of written or pictorial material onto a screen or wall from a transparency placed horizontally below the projector and lighted from underneath.

o•ver•hear (ō'vər-hîr') ν. -heard (-hūrd'), -hear•ing, -hears
—tr. To hear (speech or someone speaking) without the speaker's awareness or intent. —intr. To hear something without the speaker's awareness or intent. —o'ver•hear'er n.

o•ver•heat (ō'vər-hēt') ν. -heat•ed, -heat•ing, -heats —tr. 1. To heat too much. 2. To cause to become excited, agitated, or overstimulated. —intr. To become too hot or very excited.

over+hit (ō'vər-hit') v. -hit, -hit•ting, -hits —tr. 1. To hit (a tennis ball, for example) too hard or too far. 2. To hit beyond, as in golf: overhit his approach. —intr. To overhit a ball.

o•ver•hung (ô'vər-hūng') v. Past tense and past participle of over-hang. � adj. (ô'vər-hūng') Suspended from above: an overhung door.
o•ver•hy•drate (ô'vər-hī'drāt) tr.v. -drat•ed, -drat•ing, -drates To cause to take excessive fluids into the body, as through intravenous injection. —o'ver•hy•dra'tion n.

o•ver•hype (ō/vər-hīp/) tr.v.-hyped, -hypeing, -hypes Slang To promote or publicize to excess: Promoters grossly overhyped the movie.
o•ver•in•dulge (ō/vər-in-dūlj/) v.-dulged, -dulg•ing, -dulg•es—tr. 1. To indulge (a desire, craving, or habit) to excess: overindulging a fondness for cake. 2. To indulge (a person) excessively: overindulges his children. —intr. To indulge in something to excess. —o'ver•in•dul/gence n. —o'ver•in•dul/gent adj. —o'ver•in•dul/gent•ly adv.
o•ver•is•sue (ō/vər-ish/ōō) n. The issue, as of notes or securities, in excess of the issuer's capital, credit, or authority. —o'ver•is/sue v.
o•ver•joy (ō'vər-joi/) tr.v.-joyed, -joy•ing, -joys To fill with joy; delight. —o'ver•joyed/ (-joid/) adj.

o•ver•kill (ō'vər-kil') n. 1. Destructive nuclear capacity exceeding

the amount needed to destroy an enemy. 2. Excessive killing. 3. An excess of what is necessary or appropriate for a particular end: "government overkill in dealing with dissent" (Jesse Unruh). * tr.v. (ô'vər-kill')-killed, -killed, -killed, -killed, -killed, -killed with more nuclear force than necessary.

o-ver-lad-en (ô'vər-lād'n) adj. Loaded or burdened too heavily.
o-ver-laid (ô'vər-lād') v. Past tense and past participle of overlay.
o-ver-lain (ô'vər-lān') v. Past participle of overlie.

over-land (o'vər-land', -lənd) adj. Accomplished, traversing, or passing over the land instead of the ocean: an overland journey; an overland route. * adv. By way of land: traveled overland to the ranch.

O•ver•land Park (ō/vər-lənd) A city of northeast Kansas, a residential suburb of Kansas City. Population: 149,000.

Overland Trail Any of several trails, such as the Oregon Trail or the Santa Fe Trail, of westward migration in the United States. The term is sometimes used to refer collectively to all the overland migration routes from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean.

overelap (ō'vor-lāp') v.-lapped, -lap-ping, -laps —tr. 1. To lie or extend over and cover part of. 2. To have an area or range in common with. —intr. 1. To lie over and partly cover something. 2. To correspond in character or function: Their duties overlap. 3. Mathematics To have one or more elements in common. Used of sets. *\(n. \) (o'vor-lāp') 1. A part or portion that overlaps or is overlapped. 2. An instance of overlapping.

o•ver•lay¹ (ō'vər-lā') tr.v. -laid (-lād'), -lay•ing, -lays 1. To lay or spread over or on. 2a. To cover the surface of with a decorative layer or design: overlay wood with silver. b. To embellish superficially: a simple tune that was overlaid with ornate harmonies. 3. Printing To put an overlay on. 4. To create (a new area code) having the same boundaries as another: In Maryland, area code 240 was overlaid on top of area code 301, ♦ n. (6/vɔr-lā') 1. Something that is laid over or covers something else. 2. A layer of decoration, such as gold leaf or wood veneer, applied to a surface. 3. Printing A piece of paper used on a press tympan to vary the pressure that produces light and dark tones. 4. A transparent sheet containing graphic matter, such as labels or colored areas, placed on illustrative matter to be incorporated into it. 5. An area code whose boundaries are the same as another area code.

o•ver•lay² (ō'vər-lā') ν. Past tense of overlie.

o•ver•leaf (ô/vər-lēf') adv. On the other side of the page or leaf.
o•ver•leap (ô/vər-lēp') tr.v.-leaped or -leapt (-lĕpt'), -leap•ing,
-leaps 1. To leap across or over. 2. To defeat (oneself or one's purpose) by going too far.

o•ver•learn (ō'vər-lūrn') tr.v. -learned also -learnt (-lūrnt'), -learn•ing, -learns To continue studying or practicing (something) after initial proficiency has been achieved so as to reinforce or ingrain the learned material or skill.

O•ver•lie (ô'vər-līt') tr.v. -lay (-lāt'), -lain (-lānt'), -ly•ing, -lies 1. To lie over or on. 2. To suffocate (a baby, for example) by accidentally lying on top of it.

••ver•load (ō'vər-lōd') tr.v. -load•ed, -load•ing, -loads To load too heavily. • n. (ō'vər-lōd') An excessive load.

o•ver•long (ō'vər-lông', -lŏng') adj. Excessively long: an overlong play. ❖ adv. For too long: talked overlong.

o-ver-look (ō'var-loōk') tr.v. -looked, -look-ing, -looks 1a. To look over or at from a higher place. b. To rise above, especially so as to afford a view over: The tower overlooks the sea. 2a. To fail to notice or consider; miss. b. To ignore deliberately or indulgently; disregard. 3. To look over; examine. 4. To watch over; oversee. See synonyms at supervise. \$\infty\$n. (ō'var-loōk') An elevated place that affords an extensive view: a scenic overlook.

o•ver•lord (ô/vər-lôrd') n. 1. A lord having power or supremacy over other lords. 2. One in a position of supremacy or domination over others. —o/ver•lord'ship n.

o•ver•ly (ō'vər-lē) adv. To an excessive degree: overly protective.

o•ver•man (ō/vər-mən) n. 1. A person having authority over others, especially an overseer or a shift supervisor. 2. (ō/vər-mān') See superman (sense 2). * tr.v. (ō/vər-mān') -manned, -man•ning, -mans To provide with more personnel than necessary. [N., sense 2, translation of German Übermensch: über, over, higher + Mensch, man.]

o•ver•man•tel (ô/vər-măn'tl) n. A decorative structure or an ornamental panel situated above a mantelpiece. —o'ver•man'tel adj. o•ver•mas•ter (ô/vər-mās/tər) tr.v. -tered, -ter•ing, -ters To overpower by superior force; overcome.

o•ver•match (ō'vər-mǎch') tr.v. -matched, -match•ing.
-match•es 1. To be more than a match for; exceed or defeat. 2. To
match with a superior opponent. ❖ n. (ō'vər-mǎch') A contest in which
one opponent is distinctly superior.

o•ver•med•i•cate (ō'vər-měd'i-kāt') tr.v. -cat•ed, -cat•ing, -cates To medicate (a patient) excessively. —o'ver•med'i•ca'tion n.
o•ver•much (ō'vər-mǔch') adj. Too much; excessive. *adv. In excess. *n. (ō'vər-mǔch', ō'vər-mǔch') An excessive amount.

over-night (ō'vər-nīt') adj. 1. Lasting for, extending over, or remaining during a night: an overnight trip; an overnight supplies. 2. For use over a single night or for a short journey: overnight supplies. 3. Mailed for guaranteed delivery on the next day: an overnight package. 4. Happening as if in a single night, sudden: an overnight success. 4 adv. (ō'vərnīt') 1. During or for the length of the night: meat marinating overnight. 2. In or as if in the course of one night; suddenly: became a sensation overnight. 4 n. An overnight stay or trip. 4 v. (ō'vər-nīt') -night-ed. -night-ing. -nights —intr. To spend the night: overnighting at an inn. —tr. To send by mail or other courier for delivery the next day.



overhand knot



overhangFallingwater by Frank Lloyd
Wright, near Mill Run,
Pennsylvania



overhead projector